

In the Claims:

Claims 1-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A mobile device, comprising:

an antenna assembly;
a real-time component comprising:
 a system timing function,
 a real-time event dispatching function, and
 and a digital radio;
a digital control and processing circuit;
a microcomputer assembly;
a random access memory;
a nonvolatile memory; and
a microprocessor-controlled user interface.

Claim 21 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to be worn on a person's wrist.

Claim 22 (original): The mobile device in claim 21, wherein the mobile device is further configured to display the current time.

Claim 23 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to operate within a paging unit.

Claim 24 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to operate within a cellular telephone.

Claim 25 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to receive information content from a local-area transmitter and from a broadcast transmitter.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The system mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device further comprises comprising a transceiver.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The system mobile device in claim 26, wherein the mobile device is further configured to transmit and receive information from a second mobile device.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The system mobile device in claim 27, wherein the mobile device is further configured to transmit and receive information from a plurality of mobile devices.

Claim 29 (original): The mobile device in claim 20, wherein the mobile device is further configured to receive local information from a second mobile device.

Claims 30-43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (new): A mobile device, comprising:

means for receiving a signal that is arranged to receive a first broadcast signal from a broadcast transmitter when the mobile device is in a broadcast mode and is arranged to receive a first localcast signal from a localcast transmitter when the mobile device is in a localcast mode; and

means for transmitting a signal that is arranged to transmit information from the mobile device.

Claim 45 (new): The mobile device in claim 44, wherein the means for receiving a signal further comprises a transceiver that is arranged to test a selected station for a main channel signal and a subcarrier signal.

Claim 46 (new): The mobile device in claim 45, wherein the transceiver is further arranged to capture a packet from the acquired main channel signal or the acquired subcarrier signal.

Claim 47 (new): The mobile device in claim 44, wherein the means for receiving a signal is further arranged to detect loss of a signal and signal quality.

Claim 48 (new): The mobile device in claim 44, wherein the means for transmitting a signal is further arranged to transmit the information when the mobile device is in localcast mode.

Claim 49 (new): The mobile device in claim 45, wherein the means for transmitting a signal is further arranged to transmit the information to another mobile device over a localcast communication link.

Claim 50 (new): A mobile device, comprising:

an antenna assembly;

a transceiver that is coupled to the antenna assembly, wherein the transceiver is arranged to provide communication over the antenna assembly in one of a broadcast mode and a localcast mode; and

a microcomputer assembly that is coupled to the antenna assembly, wherein the microcomputer assembly is arranged to control operation of the transceiver in both the broadcast mode and the localcast mode.

Claim 51 (new): The mobile device in claim 50, wherein the transceiver further comprises a radio that is arranged to receive FM radio signals across the antenna assembly, wherein the FM radio signals are FM subcarrier signals when the transceiver is in the broadcast mode and the FM radio signals are locally-unused portions of an FM band when the transceiver is in the localcast mode.

Claim 52 (new): The mobile device in claim 50, wherein the transceiver further comprises a digital signal processor that is coupled to the microcomputer assembly and is arranged to perform control, scheduling and post-processing tasks for the transceiver.

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Claim 53 (new): The mobile device in claim 50, wherein the transceiver further comprises a real time device that includes a radio and is arranged to provide the radio operation and the system clock for the transceiver.